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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Attached is a European Communication pursuant to Article 94(3) EPC dated March 17, 2008, from corresponding European Application Number 04 773 308.4- 1241. US 4,969,647 cited in this document was cited in an IDS filed on September 18, 2007. JP 9-253332 and JP 2001-104645 were submitted with an IDS filed on March 24, 2006.

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Early and favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

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